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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FAULT-TOLERANT COMPUTING USING A SWITCHING FABRIC

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response. A Petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time for Response, up to and including May 3, 2004, is submitted herewith. The fee to cover the new claims added by the present Amendment is submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is a Supplemental IDS and PTO Form 1449, along with the requisite fee.

- Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.
- The **RESPONSE** begins on page 10 of this paper.